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SUBJ: SOVIET-ETHIOPIAN PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. ETHIOPIAN PRESS CARRIES ARTICLE BY ONE V. KUDRYAVTSEV, WHOSE VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DESPITE HIS RUSSIAN NAME, SO PARALLEL ETHIOPIAN ARGUMENTS AS TO RAISE SUSPICIONS ABOUT WHO WRITES FOR WHOM. DECRYING HYPOCRITICAL U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN, WRITER QUESTIONS U.S. RIGHT TO SERVE AS WORLD SPOKESMAN, GIVEN FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS AT HOME, INCLUDING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MILLIONS OF BLACKS, VIRTUAL GENOCIDE PRACTICES AGAINST INDIANS, AND PERSECUTION OF PEOPLE FOR THEIR CONVICTIONS.

2. LOOKING ABROAD, WRITER USES ETHIOPIAN EXAMPLE TO CLINCH CHARGE OF HYPOCRISY. GIVEN FACT THAT "PEOPLE HAD NO RIGHTS AT ALL" IN IMPERIAL ETHIOPIA AND COUNTRY UNDERGOING TURBULENT AND CRITICAL TRANSITION FROM FEUDALISM TO NATIONAL DEMOCRACY, U.S. IN WRITER'S VIEW SHOULD LOGICALLY SUPPORT REVOLUTION AND HELP ETHIOPIANS ATTAIN THEIR RIGHTS AND OVERTHROW REACTIONARIES. INSTEAD, IT HAD WINKED AT

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CRYING VIOLATIONS UNDER EMPEROR, AND "NO SOONER HAD ETHIOPIA CEASED TO BE U.S. STRONGHOLD IN AFRICA THAN WASHINGTON CUT ITS AID TO THAT COUNTRY" WHEN AID MOST NEEDED, AND IS ENCOURAGING LOCAL REACTIONARIES IN ATTEMPTS TO STRANGLE REVOLUTION AND DIVIDE COUNTRY. THIS DOUBLE STANDARD, INTENDED TO FURTHER IMPERIALIST INTERESTS AND ESTABLISH HEGEMONY IN AFRICAN, ASIAN, AND LATIN AMERICAN

COUNTRIES, SHOWED U.S. FOR WHAT IT WAS -- IMPERIALIST POWER
VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE LINE OF REASONING IS SO CHARACTERISTIC
OF PREVAILING EPMG ATTITUDES ON HUMAN RIGHTS BALANCE IN
ETHIOPIA THAT IT MERITS ATTENTION, DESPITE ITS APPARENT
FOREIGN ORIGIN. DOES NAME MEAN ANYTHING TO EMBASSY MOSCOW?
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